

**The youth of Aotearoa
RISE UP AND REVOLT!**



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YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION!**

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WHO WE ARE



Radical Youth is a diverse group of young people from across Aotearoa who are working for social change. We joined together to create spaces for youth to learn from each other, support each other, organise and live creatively. We are a community of equals, who respect each other and each other's opinion. We originally began with a few Auckland school students who found themselves confronted by a silence all around them. It was the silence of our friends, family, neighbours and communities to poverty, oppression, war, greed, ecological destruction and injustice.

Everywhere, from popular culture to our schools and workplaces, we are told to sit in silence, to consume in silence and to work in silence. Those who live in silence are powerless to prevent injustice. We call out to humanity to listen to those who have been pushed to the corners, herded into prisons and forced into sweatshops. We ask the youth of Aotearoa to speak up for those who cannot speak and those who no one listens to. The silence of some will deafen the screams of others. The rulers of an unconscious civilisation fear more than anything else the words, "Another world is possible."

We don't want you to sign useless petitions or give a monthly donation. We want you to come along to participate in the creation of a world based on peace, liberty, solidarity and equality.

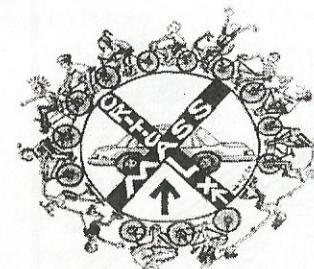
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UPCOMING

EVENTS

**Rally Against
Wayne
Mapp's Bill
23 August
12noon,
Aotea Square.**



**Critical Mass Bike
Ride – last Friday of
every month, meet
at Albert Park 5pm.**

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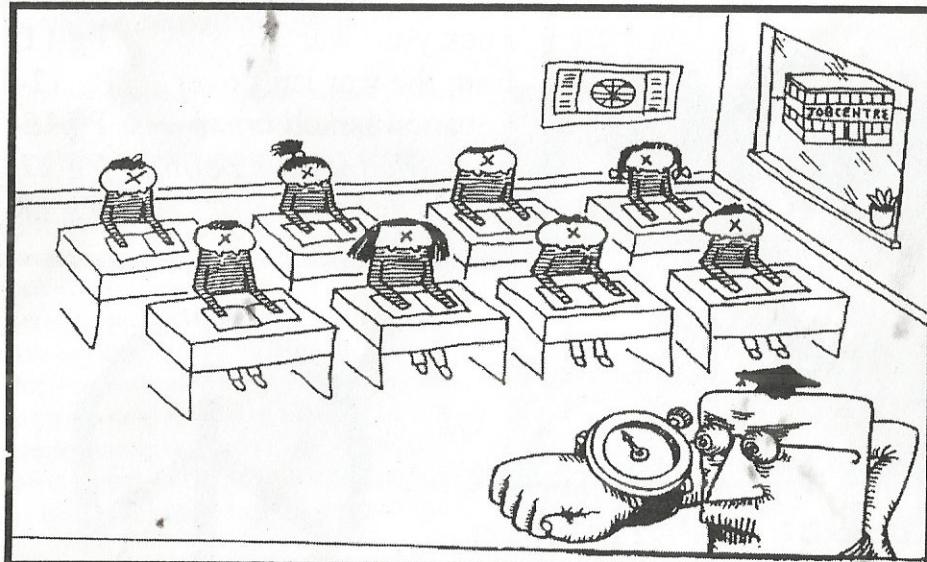
Stop War rally
Big action to show that the people will not tolerate the wars in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and the looming attack on Iran by the USA
2nd September – see page 9 for more details

For other events and news check out: www.indymedia.org.nz

Bored and cold? Why not riot!

By Eliana

Everyday you sit in your class. Staring constantly at the white walls, whiteboards and the white history shoved down your throats. The regurgitated boredom fed to you by your teachers and the state leaving you feeling listless and apathetic. It's no wonder emo is so popular at the moment as young, mainly students vent their hopelessness through 'non-conformity' by conforming.



School is boring. There isn't much debate between students on that point, but the reality is that it's boring because we don't get to do what we want or care about. If we get some sort of opportunity for freedom it's controlled with restrictions on time frames and fulfilling criteria. With no time to read or expand our mind beyond the narrow reaches of the school system or the state-approved history books we have no opportunity to learn what we really want. We are bombarded by pointless assignments and tests so we can 'gain' enough credits to 'succeed'. And success is never learning, but instead conforming to a narrow set of boxes. When placed in a classroom with 30 other students with virtually no way to share your opinion, what

you already know or learnt can't be expressed in the classroom model leaving you hating the 'place of learning'.

We are told that this is it. The power structure of a dominant (usually male) principal enforcing detentions to teach you and your peers a lesson - one they hope and know you will remember for the rest of your life - a lesson of being controlled. By your parents, your teachers, your boss, the law and government. If we drop out we are failures in the eyes of society, if we fight back we are kicked out and made an example of.

Teachers in themselves are not always bad, but under the system they serve, they put in place barriers to your real learning, so they too are the oppressors.

My peers and I often deal with teachers and school management treating me with condescending, and disrespectful conduct. That same behaviour such as yelling at a student, intimidation, and unjustified punishment, would be unacceptable if a student yelled back to vent his or her frustration at a teacher and would more than likely get kicked out, as was the case of one of my friends.

Winter brings to mind vivid memories of standing in the freezing cold with rain drizzling down my back as I shudder in a circle of my friends to keep warm. That memory was of last Friday. As the teachers are shielded from the cold with their cosy warm staff room the rest of my school is forced to suffer out in the frigid cold with winds howling around us. The science block, the food tech block, the history/geo, the computing block and the maths block have all banned us from loitering in their halls, trying to stay warm. With nowhere to go, this is the life we live, for morning teas and lunchtime for over half the school year. With poorly heated classrooms, like my maths one with only one tiny oil heater, it makes me wonder the merits of getting up in the morning. Along with the inappropriate and discriminative uniform enforced by my school to not give girls wearable pants (they are heinous), this was a direct tactic by my school who very unwillingly offer the option. Years 9-11 only having a knee length skirt option. I'm sure I'm not the only one here who's starting to feel like a prisoner.

This all leads to the question I often ask myself and friends: *HOW CAN 80 TEACHERS, 3 D.P.s AND 1 PRINCIPAL CONTROL OVER 1500 STUDENTS?*

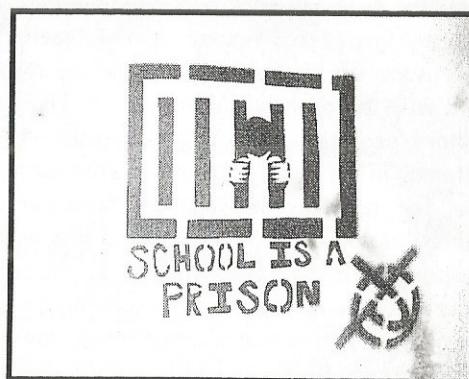
The answer is all around you at school. When you do something 'wrong' (like sleep as long as your teenaged body needs) meaning you slept in, you are punished. Made to feel inferior and made an example of. Another less obvious tactic widely used but not only by schools but by the state is to 'divide and rule' where students end up venting their subconscious anger for the system on each other, where to feel they fit in by creating subcultures and gangs. School keeps us hating each other and school so we don't wake up and realise if we worked together, we could create a school, a society, a world we want to inherit.

So by now you're asking? **WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?**! Get informed:

- read books!! Contemporary schooling is designed to educate you just enough to be obedient office workers. Educate yourself for liberation.
- sabotage, smash, destroy and mess up your schools security equipment, alarms, computer databases and so on.
- form affinity groups with close friends and go about subverting your school and the city.

Get involved in your local community and school, why not form an anarchy club or a radical young peoples group at school where you can inform yourself and your friends about what your school can actually do to you and your fellow students, start agitating for change! Also get in contact with activists with your city or get involved with Radical Youth (www.radicalyouth.org.nz for more info on the group) or if there isn't one in your area set one up.

Don't just hate school. Destroy school and replace it with something you would want to be apart of!



Your Rights At School

At school, we really don't have many rights. The little rights we do have are constantly broken because a) we don't know them or b) the authorities ignore it. But legally these are the rights that you have at school:

- >>> **School staff cannot use physical force on you.**
- >>> **The school cannot detain you for more than 10 minutes after school without reason.**
- >>> **You have the right not to be sent home for incorrect uniform.**
- >>> **Your school cannot punish you for wrong uniform or not wearing uniform if you cannot afford it.**
- >>> **You are innocent until proven guilty (they can't punish you for doing something unless they can prove it).**
- >>> **You can't be punished for something someone else did.**
- >>> **Uniform rules must be "reasonable" and "justified".**
- >>> **If you're a girl, you shouldn't have to wear a skirt or a dress. Your school should provide pants as an option.**
- >>> **You have the right not to be discriminated against for your race, gender, religion, political opinion, ethical belief or sexual orientation.**

Wayne Mapp's '90 Day Bill' Sucks

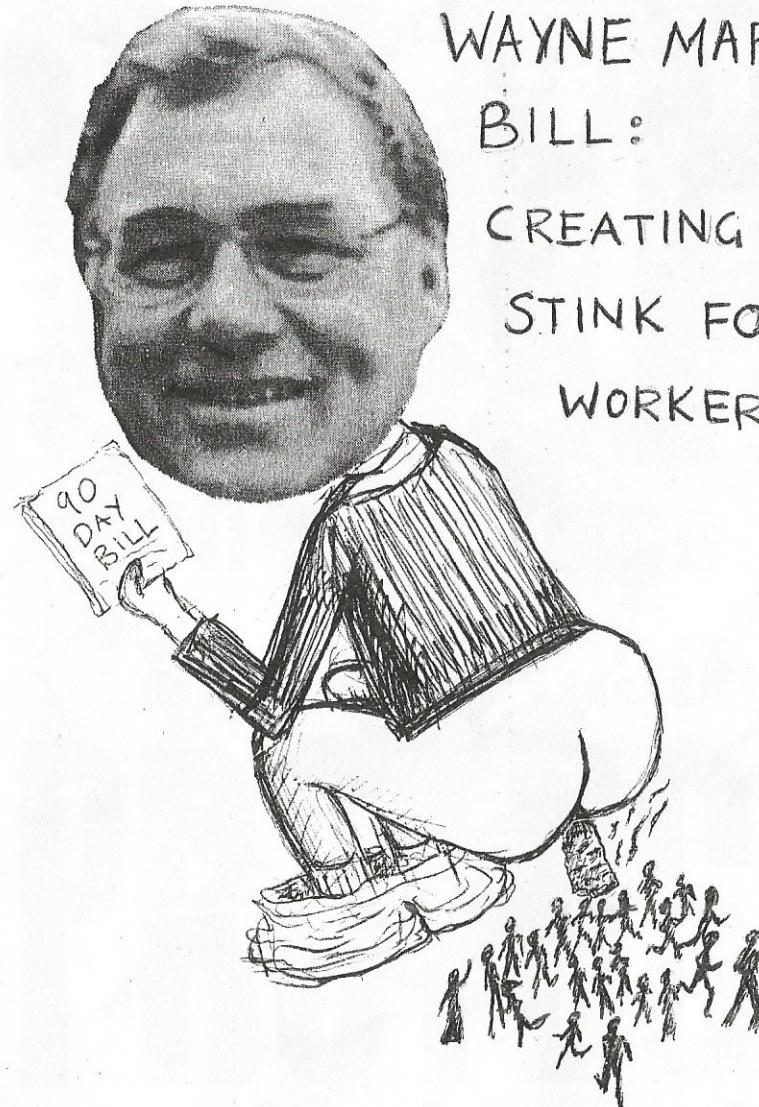
Currently Wayne Mapp, a National MP is trying to pass a bill to give employers the right to fire you without cause within the first 3 months of employment.

This law would be a major blow for young people. New workers will lose all employment rights such as the ability to appeal their dismissal or even find out the reason behind their sacking. This power allows employers to fire workers at the end of summer or busy periods easily. It is obvious that this bill is going to be used to fire anyone who joins a union or speaks up for their co-workers rights. It is likely that this would make it even more stressful for the most vulnerable such as youth and solo parents to enter the workforce. Their first 90 days of employment will become a period where every action or mistake on the job could result in instant dismissal.

This is part of an ongoing campaign to strip workers of rights and is just an extension of the gross power imbalance inherent in capitalism. Radical Youth will be fighting for all workers rights on this and the many other attacks on our rights going on today, those in power need to be shown we will not accept exploitation and poverty wages.

So what can you do? Protests and an ongoing campaign of action are planned against the bill. A rally on Thursday August 23 at 12.30 Aotea Square will take place and workers are going to walk off the job. An action two weeks after is also planned. Radical Youth is also planning several actions around this bill and against youth rates, to get involved and find out more check www.radicalyouth.org.nz or email us: radicalyouth@enzyme.org.nz

WAYNE MAPP'S
BILL:
CREATING A
STINK FOR
WORKERS



Wayne Mapp's 90 Day Bill will give employers the power to fire workers for no reason within the first 90 days of employment.

Resist! www.radicalyouth.org.nz

STOP



1pm. saturday
aotea square

israel's

WAR

on palestine
and lebanon

PROTEST

SEPT 2nd

FUCK YOUR WAR

Fuck your closed eyes when a child's guts spill into Iraq/Lebanon/Palestine's bomb-soaked soil - and open wide when somebody says "Fuck"

Fuck your lies, hypocrisy, split tongues, double standards

Fuck your sterile parrot learning education

Fuck your useless bureaucracy, dumb laws, arrogant cops

Fuck your moneyed class politics, your churches, your wars, your system, your filth.

You offer us your world.

It stinks - and you aren't making it any better so fuck off and let us try - we are the young and it's our world.

All the
army
we need!

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Iraq: the war isn't over

By Cameron Walker

Many people think that the US war on Iraq ended when American soldiers took over Baghdad and toppled the statue of Saddam. They don't understand that the invasion in March 2003 was only the beginning of what has become an incredibly bloody occupation. The infamous photos of US soldiers abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib prison are only the tip of the iceberg of disgusting crimes that have been committed by the US Military in Iraq. According to research in respected medical journal *The Lancet* by 2004 the US occupation of Iraq had already cost the lives of 100,000 Iraqi civilians.



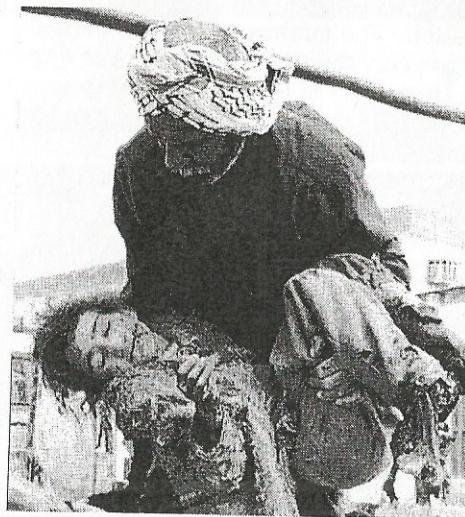
The city of Fallujah has suffered terribly at the hands of US forces. On the 28th of April 2003 American soldiers massacred at least 15 civilians who had been taking part in a non-violent demonstration against the presence of soldiers outside a local school. In late March 2004 several American soldiers were killed in Fallujah. The US Military then laid siege to the town and began a month long offensive. There were many reports of soldiers firing civilians and clearly marked ambulances. According to the head of the local hospital, Rafie al-Issawi, at least 731 people were killed, many of whom were women and children. In November 2004 US forces returned to Fallujah to finish the job. They used white phosphorus, a napalm like weapon that burns the skin. Doctors working in the city reported seeing melted corpses.

A refugee from Fallujah told a journalist, "There are still a few Iraqis who think the Americans came to liberate them... These people will change their minds about the liberators when they, too, have had a family member killed by them." Another told him "In the mornings I found Fallujah empty, as if nobody lives in it. Even poisonous gases have been used in Fallujah-they used everything-tanks, artillery, infantry, poison gas. Fallujah has been bombed to the ground. Nothing is left."

In the first year of the American occupation of Iraq, the nation came under the authority of the Coalition Provisional Authority and its American head Paul Bremer. During this time Bremer ordered 100 changes Iraq had to make to its' economy. Instead of helping Iraqi people rebuild from decades of war these changes all strengthen American corporations at the expense of ordinary Iraqis. For example, Order 39 allows for 100% foreign ownership of Iraqi banks, mines and factories and also decrees that corporations may take 100% of their profit out of Iraq, instead of investing it in the local economy, which is in dire need of development.

Order 81 prohibits Iraqi farmers from saving seed from year to year. Instead they must fork out large amounts of money to buy new seed from American agribusiness corporations, such as Cargill. According to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in 2002 97% of Iraqi wheat farmers saved their seeds.

"The most important difference between North Korea and Iraq is that economically, we just had no choice in Iraq. The country swims on a sea of oil."
- Paul Wolfowitz, the US Deputy Secretary of Defence and President of the World Bank



No Iraqis were involved in making these decisions. They were forced on the war-wrecked nation in such an un-democratic way it would have made Saddam Hussein proud. An insider carrying out US government's economic policies in Iraq told the American journalist Greg Palast: "They have [Deputy Defence Secretary Paul] Wolfowitz coming out saying it's going to be a democratic country ... but we're going to do something that 99 percent of the people of Iraq wouldn't vote for."

BUSINESSES IN AOTEAROA PROFITING FROM WAR:

Rakon

A large technology firm from Mt Wellington makes crystal oscillators for the US and Israeli military to use in the guidance systems of 'smart bombs'. Their address is 1 Pacific Rise, Mt Wellington Auckland.

ANZ Bank

ANZ part of the group of multinational corporations that have been appointed to run Iraq's Trade Bank, set up to restructure Iraq's economy to make it more profitable for the West.

OSCMAR

They make weapons training simulators for brutal military forces around the world like the Israeli Defense Forces. They are located at 25 Shaddock St, Mt Eden, Auckland.

Caterpillar

Provides bulldozers to the Israeli Defense Forces used to demolish Palestinian homes.
www.catdestroyshomes.org

On our TV screens we only get to the actions of the 'insurgents' who are violently resisting the US Military. We don't get to hear about Iraq's brave unionists who were repressed under Saddam and now face violence from both the US and insurgent groups. One of the few Saddam era laws retained by the American occupation forces in Iraq is the law that restricts union organising in public sector industries. Since 2003 Iraqi unionists have been busy actively opposing American moves to sell Iraqi industries to American corporations. As Hassan Juma'a Awad, a leading member of Iraq's General Union of Oil Workers says: "It was our duty as Iraqi workers to protect the oil installations since they are the property of the Iraqi people and we are sure that the US and the international companies have come here to put their hands on the country's oil reserves".

As George Orwell once wrote

'War against a foreign country only happens when the moneyed classes think they are going to profit from it'.

We've got to keep the pressure on those profiting from mass murder!



Lebanon Israeli Crisis

A view from the Lebanese side of things with what's going on between Lebanon and Israel. Straight from the action, no middle man. I tell you how I see it without getting any lies from anyone else.
www.lebanonlive.blogspot.com



Wednesday, August 02, 2006: Just Gets Worse

Shortly after Rice finished with her appearance and took off, Israel was sure enough to smack people with more missiles. No temporary ceasefire as was agreed. So in turn, no aid reached the people of Qana.

Israel is trying a new attack wave by trying aerial drops. That's what I've heard from reports in Lebanon at least. The city of Baalbeck is under heavy attack still of course.

A gunship also pretty much landed in Lebanon as well.

This whole hold on the sea ports, as well as hitting every semi-truck on the road has put Lebanon into a fuel crisis. God knows how long people will last without any sort of power, I'm sure the Geneva convention has something against that but no important countries care as long as they're on the better end of the stick. I'm sure the Lebanese people are really going to appreciate being killed painfully and slowly.

Looks like the UK is also joining in participating in the destruction. They've agreed to let the missiles for Israel stop over through out their region from their original point in the US. Even with 35,000 signatories, Blair participates in this and says no to a ceasefire.

Poland and Spain have sent over aid which reached successfully.

3 Israeli soldiers killed in latest attacks

Non-Lebanese News: Israel frees the Palestinian minister.

Sunday, July 30, 2006: When's Enough Enough?

Well, as a lot of you already know. Things have just gotten even worse and the big powers in the world still sit on the sidelines watching things go by.

I wonder after all of this destruction how do they expect EITHER side to actually like one another? Hundreds of people have died, those people related to them and who knew them are going to have strong emotions built up that will never fade away.

The numbers speak for themselves.

750 Dead

2,000 Injured

There are bound to be more under the rubble and under all this devastation

And with the latest massacre that was shown on TV. Qana, once again. In '96 over 100 people were killed when a U.N. safehouse was struck with several missiles, and here we are again. Over 50 people have been killed, women and children. And what do we have as a result of all of that? An apology was made to those that were killed in this event. What about the other several hundred that were innocently killed?

And as a result of this apology, the IDM Amir Peretz is going to do an internal investigation. Olmert then added that Qana is a "safe haven" for firing rockets from Lebanon.

And in retaliation to that, Hizbullah warned Israel that the massacre will not go unnoticed.

Finally, Olmert is allowing humanitarian aid to be brought to Qana. Are you serious? Thank you for your kindness...oh god. Can we say split personality, trying to win over the people? Then after that he said that he needs 10 to 14 more days to finish their attacks on Lebanon. Of course Rice agreed with this.



Joke: "Dad, What's Politics?"

Son: Dad, I have a special report for school. Can I ask you a question?

Dad: Sure son, what's the question?

Son: What is politics?

Dad: Well son, let's take our home for example. I am the wage earner, so let's call me the management. Your mother is the administrator of the money, so let's call her the government. We take care of you and your needs, so let's call you the people. We'll call the maid the working class and your baby brother the future. Understand?

Son: I'm not really sure dad, I'll have to think about it.

That night, the boy is awakened by his baby brother's crying, so he went to see what was wrong. Discovering that the baby had a heavily soiled nappy, the boy went to his parent's room and found his mother fast asleep. He then went to the maid's room, where, peeking through the keyhole, he saw his father in bed with the maid. The boy's knocking went totally unheard. The boy went back to his room and went to sleep.

The next morning...

Son: Dad, I think I understand politics.

Dad: That's great son, explain it to me in your own words.

Son: While the management is screwing the working class, the government is fast asleep, the people are being completely ignored and the future is full of shit.

